

What is claimed is:

1. A cleaning composition comprising:
 - (a) a reducing agent, and
 - (b) an alkaline source,wherein the cleaning composition provides for silver soil removal.
2. The composition of claim 1, wherein the reducing agent is elemented aluminum in the form of a rod, a bar, turnings, powder, or a sheet.
3. The composition of claim 1, wherein the alkaline source comprises about 0.02% wt. to 5% wt. alkaline source diluted in an aqueous solution.
4. The composition of claim 1, wherein the alkaline solution is alkali metal carbonate or alkali hydroxide.
5. The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition is in the form of a bead, block, powder, pellet, liquid, or paste.
6. The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises a chelating agent.
7. The composition of claim 6, wherein the chelating agent is 1-hydroxyethylidene-1,1-diphosphonic acid.
8. The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises a cleaning agent, filler, an anti-corrosion agent, a defoaming agent, an odorant, a dye, an antioxidant, or a bleaching agent.
9. The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition is in the form of a pre-mixed use solution.

10. The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition is in the form of a pre-mixed concentrated solution.
11. A method of removing silver soil from the surface of an object comprising applying the composition of claim 1 to the object in an aqueous solution.
12. A method of removing silver soil from the surface of an object comprising:
 - (a) contacting the object with a composition comprising a reducing agent, an alkaline source, and an aqueous solution; and
 - (b) rinsing the object with an aqueous solution.
13. The method of claim 12, wherein the object comprises stainless steel, carbon steel, titanium, silver, polypropylene, polyethylene, nylon, TEFLON, acrylonitrile butadiene styrene, polyvinyl chloride, EPDM, polycarbonate, polyurethane, polyacrylate, polystyrene, or polyester.
14. The method of claim 13, wherein the object is photoprocessing equipment.
15. The method of claim 12, further comprising scrubbing, agitation, air sparging, or effervesce of the composition.
16. A method of removing silver soil from the surface of a photoprocessing rack comprising stainless steel, wherein the method comprises:
 - (a) contacting the rack with a composition comprising a reducing agent, an alkaline source, and an aqueous solution;
 - (b) allowing the composition to agitate while in contact with the rack; and
 - (c) rinsing the rack with an aqueous solution.
17. The method of claim 16, wherein the reducing agent is elemental aluminum.
18. The method of claim 16, wherein the composition has a pH above 7.5.

19. The method of claim 16, wherein the composition further comprises a chelating agent.
20. The method of claim 19, wherein the chelating agent is 1-hydroxyethylidene-1,1-diphosphonic acid.